

If BPL comes to life, the entire HF spectrum will be completely unusable rendering hundreds of millions of dollars worth of HF radio equipment and antenna equipment nationwide utterly worthless. BPL means the death of Amateur Radio, a hobby that hundreds of thousands of Americans enjoy. In addition to the best hobby in the world being rendered worthless wherever BPL is present, thousands of jobs will be lost. There are several thousand people whose career is directly related to Amateur Radio. People that work at Amateur Radio stores, like Amateur Electronics Supply and Ham Radio Outlet, will probably lose their jobs. Amateur Radio magazines like CQ Amateur Radio and 73 will probably go under. Companies like Tentec, Yaesu, Icom and Kenwood, who depend on Amateur Radio operators to spend millions of dollars on their HF radio equipment, will suffer catastrophic sales losses and will more than likely have to cut hundreds of jobs, and the divisions that sell HF radio equipment will may very well go out of business. There are also thousands of small businesses, such as Unified Microsystems, Dunestar Systems, DX Engineering, Array Solutions, International Radio...and many others, that depend on Amateur Radio, specifically the HF aspect of Amateur Radio, to keep their businesses alive. BPL might seem like a great idea on paper, but if it comes to life, the effects will be catastrophic and will snowball, and it will negatively affect hundreds of thousands of Americans. This cannot happen. BPL must stay a great idea on paper and must never become more than that.